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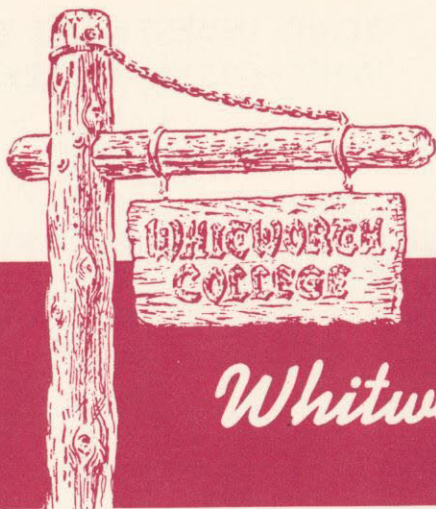
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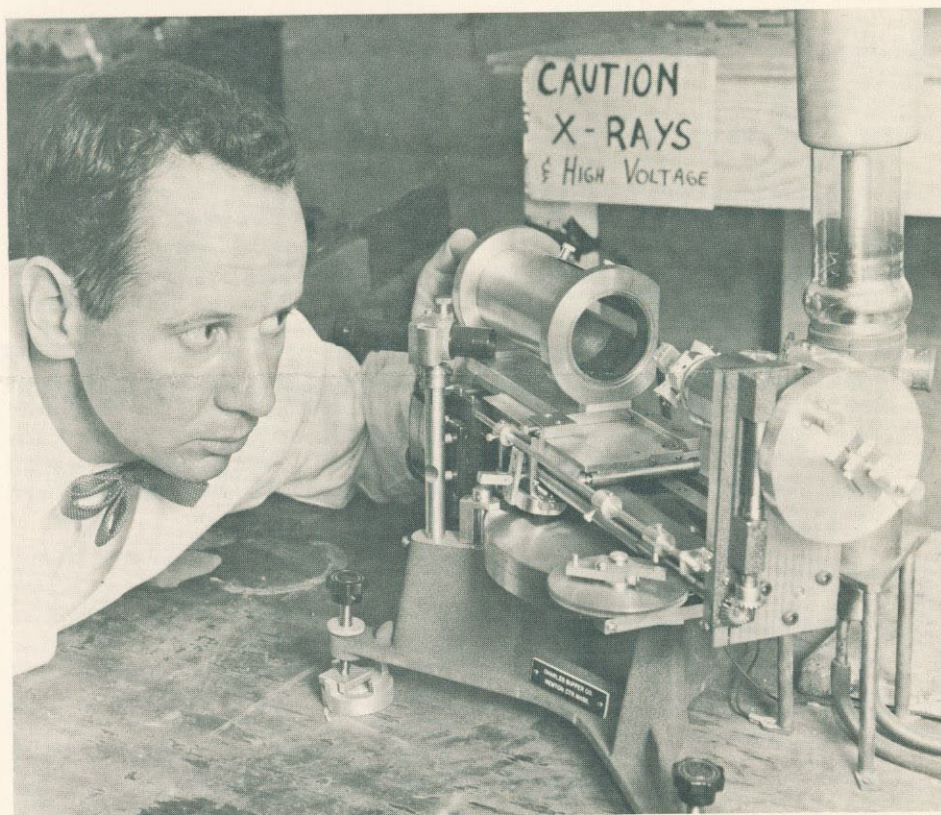
## PRE-ENGINEERING TRAINING AT WHITWORTH

*By Dr. Alvin B. Quall, Dean*

Pre-engineering training has been offered at Whitworth College for several years. During this time an attempt has been made to provide the best possible background for successful engineering study in the leading professional schools of this country. The college currently has a 3-2 program in affiliation with Lafayette University, whereby one may receive an engineering degree in five years. This program, although receiving wide announcement, does not seem to meet the needs of students in our particular area. In view of the great interest in engineering, the administration has been giving careful study toward a 3-2 program which would enable students to affiliate with universities near our own campus.

### Two Programs Available

There are two distinct programs which seem to offer promise, at the present time, for students who wish to take their basic work at Whitworth. One of these programs consists of arranging an affiliation with one of our state universities under which the student would receive three years of instruction here and two years of professional study at the university. The other opportunity is provided by Stanford University School of Engineering which has recently announced a 4-2 program in which a superior liberal



Dr. James R. Brathovde, chairman of Whitworth's Chemistry Department, demonstrates the use of the Weissenberg X-Ray diffraction camera used in research on the structure of matter. The camera is part of the equipment purchased through research grants which have recently been received. Many students take advantage of science offerings of the small liberal arts college as a basis for engineering or research work.

arts college graduate may earn his master of science in engineering in two academic years. In general, the Stanford program allows students with undergraduate majors in mathematics, physics, or chemistry to enter their school of engineering for an additional two years after which one may receive an M. S. Degree in Engineering. It would appear that either of the above programs would hold real promise for qualified engineering students who wish to receive their basic instruction in the liberal arts program provided by Whitworth College.

We are looking forward to making an announcement shortly of a specific 3-2 affiliation. However, until such time as this program is available, students may still take their pre-engineering work at Whitworth in terms of two years of basic preparation in the sciences and liberal arts, or they may look toward a 4-2 arrangement with Stanford University. All interested students and parents are asked to write to the Director of Admissions at Whitworth College for more information on any phase of pre-engineering preparation.



## From the President's Desk



Dr. Frank F.  
Warren

### Thank You, Teachers

We have just celebrated the birthday of the greatest Teacher of all time. Ever since the Advent of our Lord, the name "Teacher" has been a name of dignity, authority and influence. To be sure the Master was the greatest physician of all time. And it is equally true that no preacher from the beginning of time until now has moved the multitudes as did Jesus. But Christ as Teacher not only baffled the learned men of His day but He opened up by precept the whole realm of teaching. Cried Nicodemus, "Thou art a teacher come from God."

I would like to pay my respects publically, as I often do privately, to the dedication, contribution and sacrifice, of the more than fifty men and women who comprise the faculty at Whitworth. Some of them, a few, were here when I came. And many of them have been here ten, fifteen and twenty years. They are here because of a deep conviction that they can best invest their lives as teachers on the campus of a Christian college. None has ever come with the thought that it would be a life of ease and luxury. And some are coming close to retirement age without having been able to build up any sort of a suitable retirement.

These men and women are not here because they could not go elsewhere. In fact from time to time some member of the faculty has transferred to a larger institution where life could be somewhat easier financially. But the over-turn of our faculty has been and is, amazingly low.

The Christian faculty of a college such as Whitworth is its greatest asset. I want to quote from a report made by the President's Committee on Higher Education. "The people who chiefly finance college discounts are the teachers. The college teachers of the United States are subsidizing the education of students, and in some cases the luxuries of their families, by an amount which is more than double the grand total of alumni gifts, corporate gifts, and endowment income of all colleges and universities combined. This is tantamount to the largest scholarship program in world history. The teachers make this contribution, not always cheerfully, but by working for shamefully low pay."

At the close of one year and as we enter another, I want to say "thank you" to Whitworth's teachers. I want to say that we are

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## THOSE WHO SERVE—

### Miss Mae Whitten



A Stanford University graduate, Miss Mae Whitten, takes the bows for the faculty this month. She has been at Whitworth since the fall of 1945, teaching in the English department. When queried about her outside interests she said, "Actually I have very few. I just like to teach and spend most of my spare time working to prepare for this task." This love for teaching makes a College what it is, and Whitworth has profited by having many such teachers.

Miss Whitten's education continued at Whitworth where she received a master's degree in Bible. Other advanced study has taken place at the University of Oregon and at the University of California.

While considering teaching the most important task, Miss Whitten actually does find time to help in other areas. She is a faithful Sunday school teacher with a particular interest in junior high young people. She organized the Cosmopolitan Club on campus, made up of students from foreign countries. Largely a social organization for the better orientation of foreign students to American ways, the Cosmopolitan Club was formed from a class which Miss Whitten annually holds for those foreign students who need special help in the study of the English language.

Another organizing effort by Miss Whitten produced her favorite course, "Great Christian Literature." The course, taken largely by those interested in full time Christian service, provides for a study of Christian literature outside the Bible itself. St. Francis of Assisi, St. Augustine and John Bunyan are among the authors who come under scrutiny in this course. Miss Whitten also teaches English literature and freshman composition.

For eleven of the thirteen years she has been at Whitworth, Miss Whitten has been a dorm mother. For the most part she has superintended the men's dorms and presents an irrefuted claim to having proctored almost all of those which now exist on campus. She is also a sponsor for the Whitworth Christian Fellowship, the campus religious organization.

A very stimulating part of her work has been in the field of remedial reading where she has helped countless students with their reading difficulties. With reading a most important factor in college success, her contribution here has been of great importance. A hearty vote of appreciation goes to Miss Whitten, another of Whitworth's dedicated and competent teachers.

## YOUR INVESTMENT IN WHITWORTH COLLEGE

By Mr. J. Paul Snyder  
Business Manager

Hundreds of friends of Whitworth College are giving each year to make possible the continuation of our work with young people. These gifts make possible the paying of our current expenses, but there is a growing need of further assistance because of the rise in costs of education and the increasing number of young people who will be seeking to enter the college within the next ten years. There is a need for an additional interest on the part of our Christian friends in the area of bequests in their wills. When a Christian makes his will his first responsibility, of course, is to his immediate family, but we know there are many older people who do not have immediate families or whose families are able to take care of themselves without the added assistance of a bequest. In these cases we feel that the Christian who is interested in the program of the church and in the field of education, is anxious to have his money used in perpetuity for the education of young people. This can be accomplished by a simple statement in the will making a bequest to Whitworth College.

The type of bequest which is most useful to the College is one in which the money is left to the College in charge of the Board of Trustees to be used at the Board's discretion. We know of several wills in which bequests have been included on behalf of the College. We hope there will be an increasing number. We suggest you discuss this with your attorney, or if you so desire, we would be glad to have our attorney, who gives his time freely for this purpose, consult with you either by letter or in person.

### SUGGESTED BEQUEST FORM

We suggest the following wording for a bequest:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of Whitworth College, an educational institution, now located in Spokane, Washington, the sum of \$....., and/or the following described property:

(Here insert property description)

This gift may, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees, be merged and mingled with and become a part of the general investment assets of said College." Those interested in further information concerning wills and bequests should write to the Business Manager, Whitworth College, Spokane 53, Washington.





Fourteen Whitworth students have been elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" as a result of their outstanding contributions to campus life. In the back row from left to right, Robert Welles, Pasadena, California; Gary Heilsberg, Spokane; Mary Latimer, Stockton, California; Sandra Joseph, West Glacier, Montana; Margaret Connon, Kelso, Washington; Margaret Arildson, Spokane; Rueben Steuckle, Lacrosse, Washington; and Larry Deal, Wenatchee, Washington. In the front row, left to right, Marilyn McCaw, Prescott, Washington; Marilyn Burkhardt, McMinnville, Oregon; Pat O'Donahue, Klamath Falls, Oregon; Nancy Croyle, Spokane and Jane Sheppard, Spokane. Bob Gray from Walnut Creek, California, president of the student body, is not pictured, but was also selected.

## President's Desk (Continued)

not willingly asking you to continue making this sacrifice. I want you to know that our Alumni Association and our many friends are cognizant of your sacrificial spirit and are concerned that everything be done which can be done to make life easier for you. I do not know at this moment the answer. If each teacher at Whitworth were paid what is today, considered a good, living salary for highly educated people, it would add at least another \$80,000 to our already seriously unbalanced budget. The Board of Trustees is not unaware of this sacrifice and is seriously studying the problem.

I do want to assure you of this, that the Greatest Teacher of all time, and the thousands of teachers who have followed humbly but surely in His footsteps, have never been adequately paid for their contribution. I can but hope that as you skillfully lead youth who in their turn will lead our world, that there may be increasingly a sense of partnership with God and His Son Jesus Christ. The way of sacrifice is never an easy way to take but often it does lead to mountain tops of unique and glorious leadership. I would not offer you peace and contentment in the place of much-needed gold, but I do hope and pray that you measure success in your chosen profession not by what you are now receiving, but by what you are so gloriously giving to the young people of Whitworth College. And I believe the time is coming shortly when the friends of Christian Education will rise to your support and a new day will dawn. In the meanwhile, may God richly bless Christian college teachers everywhere.

## WHISPERS . . .

### Among the Pines

The annual winter meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on the campus Friday, January 10. A dinner in the evening will be held in the College dining hall with the Board members and their wives as guests of the Faculty.

On Saturday January 18, the Alumni in the San Francisco area will hold a meeting at which several members of the College staff will be present. Jack Gunn, Field Representative, will be the featured speaker with Hel-muth Bekowies, Alumni Director, and Ray Brahm, Jr., Public Relations Director, along to talk to prospective students.

## WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO:

Whitworth Chapel Hour heard each Sunday at the following hours: KHQ, Spokane—9:00-9:30 a.m.; KIMA, Yakima—6:30-6:30 a.m.; KOMO, Seattle—9:00-9:30 p.m.

## FOUR WHITWORTH PROFESSORS CHOSEN FOR DANFORTH SUMMER PROGRAM

Four Whitworth College professors, Dr. R. Fenton Duvall, Dean of Men and Associate Professor of History; Dr. David Dilworth, Chairman of the Religion Department and College Chaplain; Dr. Clarence J. Simpson, Chairman of the English Department; and Dr. Leslie Beach, Assistant Professor of Psychology; have been chosen to attend the second Campus Community Workshop sponsored by the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Missouri. President Warren was notified of the opportunity by Dr. Kenneth I. Brown, Executive Director of the Foundation.

The purpose of the Workshop, as stated in Dr. Brown's letter, "is to provide a setting for intensive study of ways and means of strengthening such aspects of the Campus Community as curriculum, instruction, institutional organization, counseling, and moral and spiritual values as related to the academic venture."

Twenty-five colleges across the nation with a student enrollment of less than fifteen hundred have been asked to send four delegates each. These colleges are "regionally accredited, a majority being church-related, all highly respected for their academic achievements and continuing efforts to increase scholastic competence."

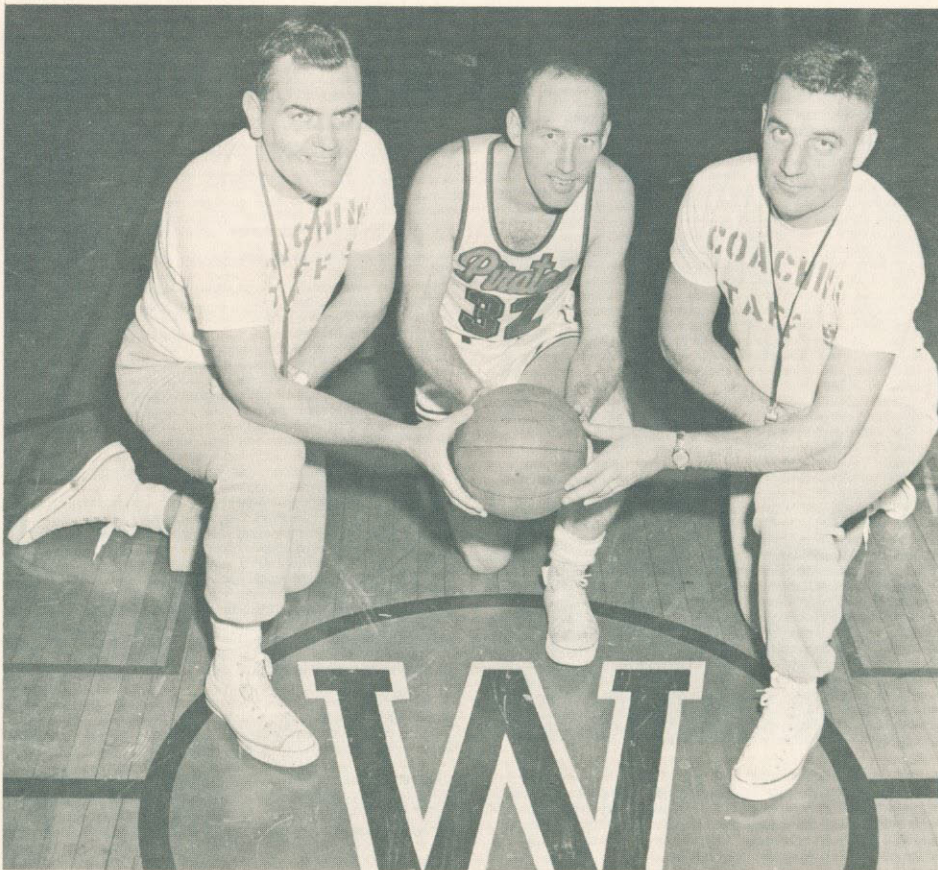
The conference is to be held from June 23 to July 12, 1958, at Colorado Springs, Colorado. All delegates will participate in the entire workshop with expenses for the three weeks provided by the Foundation.

Outstanding leaders in the educational field who have had a broad experience with the problems of the small liberal arts college will serve as seminar leaders and consultants. Guest lecturers on special topics have been invited and a library of materials will be set up especially for the workshop.

Each group of representatives from the various institutions has been asked to formulate an institutional project, the discussion of which will specifically aid the individual school.

In replying to Dr. Kenneth I. Brown, Dr. Warren said, "I cannot begin to tell you how pleased I am over this marvelous opportunity and I believe that our College will be receiving much and perhaps will have something to give."





Guiding the Pirates on the hardwood this year is the task of the three men pictured above. From left to right they are head basketball coach Bill Knuckles, in his first year at the helm; Captain Al Koetje, a 5'9" hustler from Mount Vernon, Washington; and assistant coach Paul Merkel who handles the junior varsity.

## BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS

The 1958 basketball season is under way with Coach Bill Knuckles and his Pirates still looking for their first win after four losses to Whitman, Washington State, Gonzaga University and Portland University. At this writing the team is on a five game road trip through Oregon and as far as Arcata, California, where they meet Humboldt State College.

The scores have been, Whitman 66-58, Washington State 77-45, Gonzaga 76-47 and Portland University 62-54.

Leading the Pirates this season is 5'9" Al Koetje, a senior from Mount Vernon, Washington. Others on the first five as it stands after four games, are Larry Reid and Max Sinn from Spokane, Jack Alzina from Santa Cruz, California and Dick Brahams from El Centro, California. In the supporting role have been Bob Gray of Walnut Creek, California and Phil Rich from Seattle. Rich at 6'7" is by far the tallest Pirate.

The main problem with which Coach Knuckles has had to contend so far is height. Most teams today are reluctant to go on the floor without two or three men over 6'5". The Pirate mentor has no choice. Even with Rich the squad averages just over six feet.

As is often the case, what is lacking in height is made up by speed and hustle. The Pirates exhibited plenty of both against Whitman in what local sports writers termed the fastest game played in Spokane in recent years. Still lacking is a scoring punch like that displayed last year by Dave Martin and Marv Adams, two of the Northwest's leading college scorers.

Five promising freshmen are playing a junior varsity schedule and helping occasionally on the varsity. While no significant height is evident here, the frosh have demonstrated an ability to move the ball well and shoot with some consistency. Leading them is Dave Morely, an all-conference high school performer from Tacoma. Dean McGuire of Colorado Springs, Les Koetje, brother to Al, Bill Gilbert from Port Townsend, Washington, and Phil Boohm from Westport, Washington, are the other four.

On January 2, the Pirates play the College of Idaho on the Whitworth campus. The Evergreen Conference season opens on January 10 against Central Washington at Ellensburg. The long season will close on February 22, with a conference game against the University of British Columbia.



Dan Niksich

## PIGSKIN HONORS TO DAN NIKSICH

Dan Niksich, for four years one of Whitworth's outstanding ends, has received a number of honors as a result of play in the past football season. He was chosen as an end on the Evergreen Conference team, the Little All-Pacific Coast team, and the Williamson National Football Rating System All-American.

Honorable mention on the Little All-America team also came to Dan who led the Evergreen Conference in pass receiving with twenty-nine catches for 405 yards in eight games. Sports writers gave many press notices to Dan's defensive ability as well as his pass receiving.

Warren Lashua, the only other Pirate to win conference recognition, was elected to the second team as a halfback.

At the annual football awards banquet Daryl Squires, a tackle, was given the Inspirational Award, Ron Lockhart was chosen as the Most Improved Back, and Bill Slemko was named as Most Improved Lineman.

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